

Senate File 403 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1131)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to expenditures of moneys from the E911
- 2 emergency communications fund.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, Code 2015, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* (1) The program manager shall allocate
4 to each joint E911 service board and to the department of
5 public safety a minimum of one thousand dollars per calendar
6 quarter for each public safety answering point within the
7 service area of the department of public safety or joint E911
8 service board that has submitted an annual written request to
9 the program manager in a form approved by the program manager
10 by May 15 of each year.

11 (2) The amount allocated under this paragraph "*Ob*" shall be
12 seventy-six percent of the total amount of surcharge generated
13 per calendar quarter allocated as follows:

14 (a) Sixty-five percent of the total dollars available for
15 allocation shall be allocated in proportion to the square miles
16 of the service area to the total square miles in this state.

17 (b) Thirty-five percent of the total dollars available for
18 allocation shall be allocated in proportion to the wireless
19 E911 calls taken at the public safety answering point in
20 the service area to the total number of wireless E911 calls
21 originating in this state.

22 (c) Notwithstanding subparagraph divisions (a) and (b), the
23 minimum amount allocated to each joint E911 service board and
24 to the department of public safety shall be no less than one
25 thousand dollars for each public safety answering point within
26 the service area of the department of public safety or joint
27 E911 service board.

28 (3) The funds allocated in this paragraph "*Ob*" shall be
29 used for communication equipment utilized for the receipt and
30 disposition of 911 calls.

31 Sec. 2. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
32 2015, is amended by striking the paragraph.

33 Sec. 3. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code
34 2015, is amended to read as follows:

35 *f.* If moneys remain in the fund after fully paying all

1 obligations under paragraphs "a", "0b", "b", "c", and "d", and
 2 "e", the remainder may be accumulated in the fund as a carryover
 3 operating surplus. This The program manager, in consultation
 4 with the E911 communications council, shall allocate an
 5 amount, not to exceed fifty thousand dollars per fiscal year,
 6 for development of public awareness and educational programs
 7 related to the use of 911 by the public. The remaining
 8 surplus shall be used to fund future network and public safety
 9 answering point improvements for the receipt and disposition
 10 of 911 calls, including hardware and software for an internet
 11 protocol-enabled next generation network, and wireless
 12 carriers' transport costs related to wireless E911 services, if
 13 those costs are not otherwise recovered by wireless carriers
 14 through customer billing or other sources and approved by the
 15 program manager in consultation with the E911 communications
 16 council. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any moneys remaining
 17 in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to
 18 the general fund of the state but shall remain available for
 19 the purposes of the fund.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
 22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill relates to the expenditure of moneys in the E911
 24 emergency communications fund. The bill reprioritizes the
 25 expenditures from the fund by moving the allocations to the
 26 joint E911 service board and to the department of public safety
 27 from fifth in the list of priority to second in the list of
 28 priority after the amount appropriated to the director of the
 29 department of homeland security and emergency management and
 30 program manager for implementation, support, and maintenance of
 31 the functions of the director and program manager. The bill
 32 increases the percentage allocated from the total amount of
 33 surcharge generated per calendar quarter from 46 percent to
 34 76 percent. The bill also adds that from any surplus in the
 35 E911 emergency communications fund remaining after payment of

1 the priorities, the E911 program manager, in consultation with
2 the E911 communications council, shall allocate an amount not
3 to exceed \$50,000 per fiscal year for development of public
4 awareness and educational programs for the public. The bill
5 further requires that the remaining surplus be used to fund
6 future network and public safety answering point improvements
7 that are for the receipt and disposition of 911 calls.